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London adds another string to its financial bow this week when it launches a futures market which will allow money to be traded like a commodity. The London Financial Futures Exchange (LFFE), on which currencies and interest rates contracts can be bought and sold for delivery at a future date, opens its doors for business Thursday. — Page 10

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An Indo-Soviet joint communiqué expresses "serious concern" over the continued conflict in Afghanistan. The problem demands a peaceful political solution, the communiqué says at the end of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to the Soviet Union. — Page 12

Italian plane hijacker overpowered

CATANIA, Sicily, Sept. 26 (R) — A Soviet-born hijacker with an Australian passport was overpowered by flight crew and arrested Saturday after seizing an Italian airliner between Algiers and Rome. Police named the hijacker as Igor Shkourou, 32, born in Leningrad, living in Rome but holding an Australian passport issued last year.

Officials of the Italian national airline, Alitalia, said Shkourou took control of the Boeing 727, Alitalia flight AZ 871, about 20 minutes after it left Algiers. The plane, with 101 passengers and a crew of eight, was refused landing permission at Tripoli and Malta before landing at Catania's Fontanarossa airport on the east coast of Sicily. Shkourou was overpowered by the flight crew shortly after allowing his fellow passengers and the cabin crew to leave the aircraft. Police said he appeared to be under the influence of drugs and gave no coherent reason for his action.

But other police sources said Shkourou, who was armed only with a knife, had apparently decided to seize the plane after being refused entry by the Algerian authorities when he arrived from Rome on an earlier flight.

Yasser Arafat - man of destiny

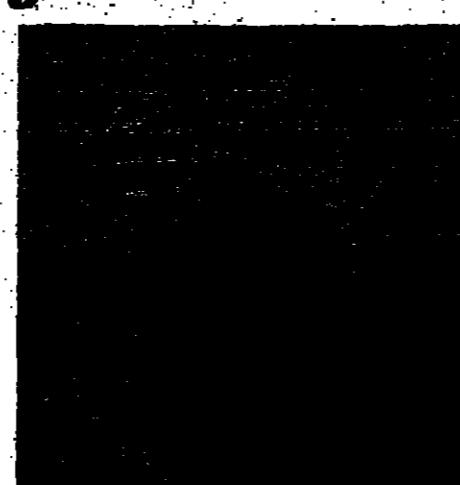
By Khaled A. Al-Masaeen

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — Yasser Arafat is very different from what his picture portrays. A short, dapper man, he charms you with his pleasant smile. He smiles often, something which men of lesser mettle would not be able to do — considering the fact that he had to live through 88 days of hell during the siege of Beirut.

A quiet dinner followed our initial meeting. Arafat hardly ate, too preoccupied with narrating what happened and what future course of action to take. He talked at times, it seemed, more to himself — describing in minute details the savage bombing by the Israelis of civilian targets. One could almost feel his intense emotions as he meandered from topic to topic, touching on incidents of valor and bravery and of the determination of the young PLO fighters and their patriotic Lebanese allies to die for their just cause.

His eyes almost brimming with tears, he spoke of the treachery that followed his departure from Beirut. The PLO fighters left Beirut so that its civilian population would not further endure the merciless slaughter by the Israelis who, by using freely provided American arms and ammunition, were intent on razing the entire city to the ground and adding one more chapter in their genocide against the Palestinians.

Throughout, Arafat remained calm. His appearance and manners contrasted sharply with the loutish behavior of Sharon or



Soldier-patriot

the psychopathic gestures of Begin. He spoke not of revenge but of justice. For the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in diaspora, the need of the hour was a homeland of their own — not refugee camps.

Arafat is genuine. Throughout our meeting, he did not try to act the patriot or the leader. Here is a man who sincerely believes that his cause is just and what he is asking for is not much.

Even while being asked questions by an American television network via satellite — questions that showed the narrow-mindedness and bigotry of those that were asking them — he never lost his cool. He

would repeatedly ask the questioner not to be biased. But once again, the same old Zionist propaganda statements like the PLO is for the destruction of Israel, the PLO wants to kill all Jews and other questions were fired and Arafat would sit back, fold his arms, look genuinely puzzled and ask for the authenticity of these statements. This would go for a couple of minutes and then Arafat himself would pose a question.

One thing was certain, that the U.S. network was trying to bait Arafat. Already astounded by the successful political victory by the Palestinians, these diehard Zionists are once again trying a smear campaign.

They forget the basics. It is not the PLO that is waging a war against Israel but vice versa. It is not the PLO which is playing an exterminator's role but Israel, fully backed by the Zionists in the United States.

The terrorists in Tel Aviv and their allies, as Arafat pointed out, may go temporarily at the PLO's departure from Beirut. But Sharon and Begin have only to turn the pages of history to find out where Attila and Hitler have gone. The will of the people cannot be suppressed and especially those of people like Yasser Arafat. In a very humble manner he remarked that he always had a strong faith but the 88 days of Beirut somehow strengthened it manifold.

And as he put on his pilgrimage garments to proceed for the Hajj and bade all those present a farewell, one could notice the admiration of young and old alike at having met Yasser Arafat — the man of destiny.

Demand judicial probe

Begin aides on warpath

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Reports of harsh criticism of Israel pouring in from its embassies around the world have left Israeli foreign affairs staff with a "feeling of political disaster", the independent *Haaretz* newspaper reported Sunday.

Harsh attacks

irk Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — A full-scale judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacre appeared increasingly likely Sunday, with several ministers reportedly saying they had changed their minds and would support such a probe.

Until now, Prime Minister Menahem Begin has refused to initiate such an investigation with powers to subpoena witnesses and punish perjurers, and instead has asked Supreme Court President Yitzhak Kahan to undertake an independent inquiry.

But even more disturbing were reports from the United States, where support for Israel is rapidly eroding, especially in Congress. *Haaretz* wrote: "Israel no longer has anyone to whom it can explain its position, not in the Jewish-American community, the trade unions, the press or in American Congress," the newspaper added.

The massacre is the "Watergate of Israel" and is sure to lead to a cut in financial and military aid, *Haaretz* concluded.

Meanwhile, for the first time, American sympathies are almost evenly divided between Israel (32 percent) and the Arab states (28 percent), according to a copyrighted *Newsweek* poll.

An opinion conducted in Israel shows just over half the Israeli population wants a full state commission enquiry into the Beirut massacre and about another quarter favors some other kind of investigation.

The *Newsweek* poll, which is to appear in the American news weekly's Oct. 4 issue, shows that half of the respondents believe American aid to Israel should be suspended or reduced to force a pullout of Israeli forces from Lebanon and that anti-Semitism in the U.S. is likely to increase because of the recent developments in the Middle East.

The poll shows, *Newsweek* report, that 51 percent of those polled say they are less sympathetic to the Israeli position than they were a year ago. In contrast, American support for the Palestinian position has increased 39 percent of the *Newsweek* sample say their sympathy for the Palestinian cause has grown in the past year.

Newsweek reports that a solid majority of American Jews (65 percent) assigned Israel at least some degree of responsibility for the Beirut massacre. American Jews, it said, were even more critical of Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's policies, while 70 percent of the national sample thought Begin's policies were hurting U.S. support for Israel. 78 percent of the American Jews surveyed shared that viewpoint.

"With about 30 laps to go, I slowed down," the blond, mustachioed Finnish driver said. "That (fifth place) was enough. It was all I needed. There was no reason to go faster."

"(The championship) gives me great pleasure. I had a slight hump in midseason," added Rosberg. "The team made mistakes, I made mistakes. But we started getting better later in the year."

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More than one million

Pilgrims arrived on schedule in Arafat

ARAFAT, Sept. 26 (SPA) — More than one million Muslim pilgrims from Saudi Arabia and almost all countries of the world made the journey to Arafat and settled in the plain from 9 a.m., Sunday, breaking an all time record, because of their discipline and excellent arrangements made by Saudi Arabian authorities for this purpose. They had started the journey at the break of dawn from Mina, without the slightest congestion or security incident, according to officials accompanying the pilgrims.

Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh indicated that last year, the journey to Arafat had been completed at 9:30 a.m., which means that half an hour was saved this year, as a result of improved arrangements. This was due, he added, both to the traffic organization and to the new projects that facilitate the pilgrims' movement.

Al-Sheikh said that the security situation was normal and reassuring so far in Arafat, Mina and Makkah as well as in the rest of the holy places and in Madinah.

"Nothing marred this atmosphere this year," he said, "but events stirred by Iranian pilgrims were as announced by the interior Ministry."

He urged everybody to devote all their spiritual, moral and physical energies only to the religious aspect of Hajj. Nobody, he said, should seize the opportunity of such a gathering to make a kind of propaganda.

"Such a person, in fact, would spoil his own ritual, besides disturbing the others who had come to seek God's mercy," Al-Sheikh said. He called upon everybody to cooperate with the traffic and security men for their own sake and for the sake of this Islamic country of theirs. They should report anything that might facilitate the task of those men looking after their safety and comfort.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed, head of pilgrimage missions and senior officials from Islamic countries stood in the first row behind the Imam (the person who leads the prayers), at noon and early in the afternoon, at Namira Mosque here, before the pilgrims. The sermon and the prayers were broadcast live on radio and television and relayed by satellite to a number of Arab and Islamic countries in Arabic and more than 12 other languages.

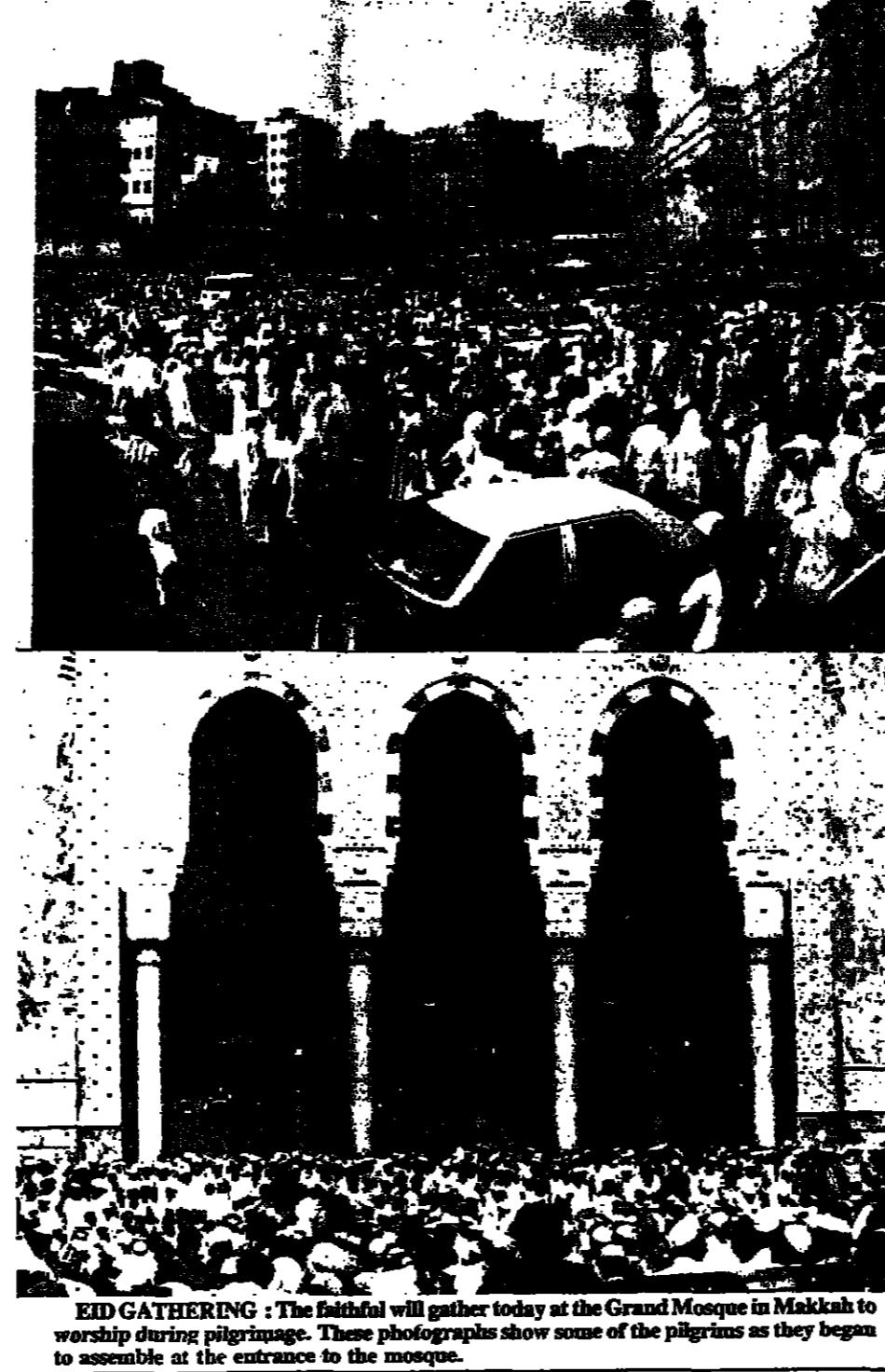
The Imam, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-

Sheikh, who is also the lecturer of Riyad's Grand Mosque, told Muslims that they must abide by their faith and implement it as perfectly as possible. He urged the leaders of the Muslim world, in particular, to rally around the Holy Quran and follow the Prophet's example for their own sake. He appealed to them to set aside their differences to find time to face the political and economic challenges poised to them by their foes and enemies who use every weapon in their attacks.

Witnesses said that during the journey from Mina to Arafat in the early morning, the pilgrims looked like a beehive. They came in crowded vehicles while official helicopters hovered in the sky, supervising the procession and watching to ascertain that Part II of the Pilgrimage Plan (the code for this journey) was proceeding correctly. Since Saturday evening, hundreds of security, traffic and civil defense men were deployed in great number in Arafat in preparation for the event.

Seen from the sky this year the area looked entirely different from what it used to a few years ago. It was virtually transformed into an integrated city with all the necessary infrastructure and amenities, like electricity and water. The place was so brightly lit that the evening appeared like day time. It is now traversed by scores of streets, some of them as wide as 30 meters, for easier traffic.

According to Muslim religious scholars and Ulema, the name Arafat, often pronounced also as Arafa (from the Arabic verb meaning to know, find or acquaint oneself with) could have been given to this place for many reasons. Among the probabilities is the legend that says that when Adam committed the original sin, an angel came down to him in this place and told him what he had done, and so "he knew." Another possibility is that Adam and Eve were sent to Earth separately. Both were dropped at Mina. And again Mina in Arabic, or more correctly Mina means wish, or desire. As soon as they arrived, Adam and Eve were driven by an inner force that prompted them to seek each other, a kind of a desire or wish, until they actually met. They met at Arafat and got acquainted. Mount Arafat is actually a wide valley surrounded by a series of mountains and hills.



EID GATHERING: The faithful will gather today at the Grand Mosque in Makkah to worship during pilgrimage. These photographs show some of the pilgrims as they began to assemble at the entrance to the mosque.

Wedding recommendations finalized

RIYADH, Sept. 26 — A committee formed under the directives of King Fahd to look into the phenomenon of extravagant wedding parties has reached several recommendations including the closing of wedding halls and banning parties at hotels. The wedding celebrations should be confined to the houses of the couple being married couple, the committee said.

Saleh Al-Tuwaijri, vice-chairman of the discrepancy assembly in the Western Region, told *Al-Riyadh* that the recommendations have been submitted to King Fahd for endorsement and approval. In addition to preventing extravagancy, the recommendations aim at avoiding religiously and worldly harmful aspects.

"The committee supports agreements reached by some tribes in the Southern Region (to curb extravagancy) and the views of citizens in some cities as the phenomenon is covering most localities," Tuwaijri said.

The paper added that exaggeration and boasting about the expense of wedding parties reached a peak and social frenzy which

contradicts with the teachings of Islam. Hotel parties some time can cost more than SR200,000, while holding the ceremony in a wedding hall necessitates slaughtering "hundreds of sheep and cattle," the paper said. "Holding" the wedding party abroad means more expenses, it concluded.

Jeddah allocates 1,400 hectares for parks

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — The area allotted for recreational parks here will soon reach 1,400 hectares with parks spread all over residential areas.

There are at present more than 240 gardens in various districts of the city. There is also a three square kilometer botanical garden in the northern part of the city, the so-called desert garden covers a six square kilometer area in the southern part of the city near Makkah Road, there is also a zoo, and Qasr Khazan garden in the middle of the city.

Arafat holds meetings

Fahd cables Saleh

JEDDAH (SPA) — King Fahd Sunday sent a cable of greetings to North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh on the occasion of his country's national day. In his cable, the Saudi Arabian monarch wished the Yemeni people continued progress and prosperity.

Thailand sends congratulations

JEDDAH — A telegram congratulating King Fahd on the Saudi Arabian National Day was received from King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. The cable expressed greetings and best wishes.

Sunstroke victims treated

ARAFAT, (SPA) — There were only a few sunstroke victims here but Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaeri said that there are special sunstroke centers set up by the ministry in Makkah, the holy places, the highways leading to Makkah and all hospitals in the area, including Arafat, Mina and Muzdalefa.

Gulf states solidarity

MANAMA, (AFP) — Six Gulf states have cancelled all official ceremonies marking today's Eid al-Adha festivals to mark solidarity with the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples following the Beirut massacres. The six — Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, North Yemen and the United Arab Emirates — announced the decision jointly Sunday.

BRIEFS

Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat Sunday called on Bangladesh martial law administrator Gen. Hossain Muhammad Ershad. Discussions covered a number of issues pertaining to Islam and Muslims. Arafat and Gen. Ershad are here to perform pilgrimage rites.

Later Arafat discussed with Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Touré issues of interest to the Islamic world. Following the meeting, the Guinean president expressed his grief over the massacre of Palestinian refugees in West Beirut at the hands of Israeli invading forces. He reaffirmed his country's support for the Palestinian people in their struggle to recover their usurped rights.

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Singapore apparel show draws Kingdom's buyers

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — Leading Saudi Arabian clothing buyers will attend Singapore Apparel '83, a major fashion exhibition which will be held in Singapore Oct. 2-4. According to Singapore Embassy Commercial Attaché Adnan Ramly, Singapore exported garments worth SR66.26 million to Saudi Arabia last year.

He told *Arab News*, this major fashion event at the Mandarin Hotel in Singapore has been organized by the Singapore Textile and Garment Manufacturers' Association, with the cooperation of Department of Trade, Economic Development Board and Singapore Tourist Promotion Board.

It is geared to attract overseas fashion buyers to place their orders for the 1983 spring and fall lines. Fifty of the top designers and fashion companies will display a comprehensive range of casual to evening wear, ladies' and men's fashions in silk, cotton and woven fabrics, winter wear, ski-apparel, knits, jeans, jackets, raincoats, swimwear and lingerie.

The three-day event will feature three catwalk shows as well as an exhibition of apparel

on three floors of the hotel. Some 250 garments will be displayed at the shows, in addition to an extensive exhibition of 2,000 pieces of apparel.

In terms of total trade between the two countries, Saudi Arabia comes fourth, next only to Japan, Malaysia and the United States. The total trade between Singapore and Saudi Arabia in 1981 jumped at SR18.7 billion from SR11.4 billion in the previous year, he added.

Ramly said, the trade between the two countries is constantly increasing. In the Singapore import list, Saudi Arabia ranks second supplying imports valued at SR17 billion, next only to Japan last year. Its exports to the Kingdom totalled SR1.68 billion in favor of the Kingdom.

Of the total exports of SR1.68 billion to Saudi Arabia during 1981, the garments and other textile items alone accounted for SR66.26 million. This consisted of men's outer garments SR26.99 million; ladies' outer garments SR17.22 million; outer garments SR8.12 million; undergarments SR2.60 million; clothing knitted articles SR8.12 million; undergarments SR3.39 million; undergarments SR6.81 million; and other items of clothing SR1.2 million.

Drug manufacturing plants would supply Gulf countries

RIYADH, Sept. 26 — Two pharmaceutical manufacturing plants will be built in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to cover part of the Gulf's requirements. Statistics have shown that Gulf countries together import medicines worth more than \$1 billion every year. The spending on medicines is next after defense, according to *Al-Riyadh*.

The plants will be established as joint ventures between the governments and private Gulf businessmen. A Health Ministry spokesman said that Gulf officials were aware of maneuvers by pharmaceutical manufacturers abroad to oppose the Gulf Cooperation Council countries' tendency to make joint purchases of their medicines. They are also trying to dissuade the GCC states from building these two plants.

But the GCC countries have affirmed to the foreign companies that they are intent not only to buying jointly at least 50 percent of their requirements of medicine, but even of stepping up this trend until all of their medicine purchases take place jointly.

The spokesman, Dr. Ibrahim Yacoub, assistant health undersecretary for technical affairs, said that by buying together, GCC countries save some 30 percent or more of the cost. Together they can better face the policies and irregularities of some medicine exporters to the Gulf. The area's health ministries have decided to black list any companies for a total ban on their goods. However, the embargo is imposed only when the Higher Gulf Medicine Committee gets undeniable evidence about the company's

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Mubarak urges Reagan to push peace process

CAIRO, Sept. 26 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak told President Ronald Reagan on Sunday that Egypt was disappointed by the recent setbacks to Middle East peace and called on the United States to give new impetus to the process. In a telegram to the U.S. president, Mubarak affirmed Egypt's desire "to continue the peace process in which your country has joined us."

But he added that "recent events" — presumably Lebanon — "affected that march negatively."

Mubarak said the Egyptians were looking to the United States to play "an effective and active role" in efforts to solve the Middle East crisis and find "a lasting solution to the cause of the Palestinian people." Mubarak's message was in response to a note from Reagan congratulating the Egyptians on Eid Al Adha.

Texts of both messages were distributed by the Egyptian government's Middle East News Agency. In his message, Reagan said the United States would continue to cooperate with the Egyptian government in "new efforts to achieve peace in the region."

The exchange of messages comes amid severe strains in relations between Egypt and Israel and new efforts by Cairo to mend

political fences with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Last week Mubarak recalled his ambassador from Israel, Saad Murtada, in protest over the Israeli occupation of Beirut and the slaughter of Palestinian refugees.

In Washington meanwhile, a senior U.S. official says Arab interest in President Reagan's Mideast peace plan remains high despite anguish over the "inflammatory and embittering" events in Beirut, including the massacre of Palestinians.

"I think it shows that there is a tremendous vitality to these ideas," said the official, who asked to be identified only as having senior rank in the administration and State Department. The official said it is "entirely possible" that Jordan may eventually join peace negotiations aimed at giving self-government to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip following an Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

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Egypt said seeking to mend fences with PLO

CAIRO, Sept. 26 (AP) — With normalization of relations with Israel at a standstill, Egypt is reported stepping up moves toward a reconciliation with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Following a series of publicized meetings between Egyptian and PLO officials, the influential newsmagazine *Ottober* reports the government of President Hosni Mubarak is trying to arrange a visit to Cairo by PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The magazine said in its current issue that the Egyptians have suggested Arafat could visit either Thursday, at the close of Eid Al Adha or during the last week in October. It would be Arafat's first visit to Egypt since the Arab League states decided in November 1978 to suspend ties to Cairo because of President Anwar Sadat's peace efforts with Israel.

Egyptian and local PLO officials were not immediately available to confirm the report. Last week, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said a visit by Arafat could "not be ruled out."

All denied rumors that Egypt was trying to



President Hosni Mubarak

the official.

The plan envisions Jordan negotiating with Israel — along with the United States and Egypt — on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also calls on Israel to stop building settlements in the occupied territories at once and to withdraw entirely as part of a peace settlement. The Palestinians would have self-government in the West Bank and Gaza Strip following an Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

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Giants make the best of Dodgers' lapses to improve position

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP) — Joe Morgan's RBI single capped a two-run, eighth-inning rally that gave the San Francisco Giants a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and tightened the National League West race Saturday.

The loss cut the front-running Dodgers' lead to one game over the Atlanta Braves, who beat San Diego 12-6, while the third-place Giants moved up to two games off the pace. The Dodgers have lost four straight games, while San Francisco has won nine of its last 11.

Meanwhile, the St. Louis Cardinals moved closer to the NL East title with a 5-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. The triumph boosted the Cardinals' lead to 5 1/2 games over the Philadelphia Phillies, who lost 2-1 to the New York Mets.

San Francisco capitalized on two Dodgers' errors to overturn a 4-3 deficit in the eighth against Fernando Valenzuela, 19-13, in a game watched by a crowd of 49,634, that let the Dodgers set an all-time Major League attendance record of 3,378,718.

Bob Brenly opened the San Francisco eighth with a liner that shortstop Bill Russell knocked down but then threw wildly to first. Brenly was sacrificed to second and Jim Wohlfeld reached on third baseman Ron Cey's error. Chili Davis singled home the tying run before Morgan's single off reliever Terry Forster scored the tiebreaker to make a winner of Andy McGaffigan, 1-0.

Claude Washington belted a home run among three hits, knocked in four runs and scored three as the Braves routed the Padres.

Joaquin Andujar fired a three-hitter, leading the Cardinals to their 11th triumph in 13 games. Any combination of St. Louis wins and Philadelphia defeats totaling three will give the Cardinals the division title.

In Southern Open

Burns snatches advantage

COLUMBUS, Georgia, Sept. 26 (AP) — Confident George Burns ripped off three consecutive birdies early in his round Saturday en route to a four-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of the \$250,000 Southern Open Golf Tournament.

Burns, 33, looking for his third victory in seven years on the PGA tour, was at 201, nine-under-par over the 6,210-meter Green Island Country Club course.

Bobby Clampett, 22, who has 17 top 10 finishes but no victories in two years on the tour, birdied two of his last three holes to finish with a 68 and 202 total, one shot behind the leader. Another shot back was John Fought, who led after the second round. Fought, shot an even-par 70 and a 203 total.

At 204 were Hal Sutton and Lon Nielsen. Sutton had a 68 and Nielsen a 67 Saturday on a day that began cloudy but finished in bright sunshine and warm weather.

Andy Bean led a group of six golfers at 205, that included Wally Armstrong, Gary Hallberg, Larry Rinker, John Adams and Vance Heather. Bean and Armstrong had 69s, while Rinker and Heather had 66s, Adams a 67 and Hallberg a 68.

Officials confirm Rono withdrawal

BRISBANE, (R) — Triple world record-holder Henry Rono of Kenya will not run in the Commonwealth Games opening Thursday, a spokesman for the Kenya team said Sunday.

Major Marsden Madoka, vice-chairman of the Kenya National Sports Council, said that Rono had informed team officials Saturday. That he would not compete because of an ankle injury. The loss of the 30-year-old Kenyan is a major blow to the games already deprived of British middle-distance stars Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett.

America's Marathon

CHICAGO, Illinois, (AP) — More than 6,000 contestants, including many international stars, are expected to compete Sunday in the sixth annual America's Marathon. The 26.2 mile (41-km) race will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Daley Plaza.

Jahangir champ

AUCKLAND, (R) — World squash champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan beat Gamal Awad of Egypt 8-10, 9-3, 9-0, 9-0 to win an International Open tournament Sunday.

Miljanic replaced

BELGRADE, (R) — Todor Veselinovic was Saturday appointed Yugoslavia's soccer manager in place of Miljan Miljanic who resigned after the World Cup finals in Spain this summer. Miljanic was sharply criticized for Yugoslavia's failure to qualify for the second round in Spain.

Scotland prevails

EDINBURGH, (AP) — Scotland beat Fiji 32-12 in a Rugby Union International at Murrayfield here Saturday. Their top scorer was fullback Peter Dods with 17 points.

Ghana pulls out

ACRA, (R) — Ghana has pulled out of a special 10-day four-nation African Football Confederation Silver Jubilee Soccer tournament in Cairo next month, the Ghana news agency reported, quoting sources close to the National Sports Council. The agency said the sources gave no reason for the last-minute withdrawal from the tournament, scheduled to begin on Oct. 1.

Doerflinger triumphs

HOCKENHEIM, (AFP) — Switzerland's Stefan Doerflinger, 34, won the world 50 CC Motocycling Championship after finishing second in the final event of the season at the West German Grand Prix here Sunday. France's Jean-Louis Tournadre snatched the 250 CC championship from under the nose of reigning world champion Anton Mang of West Germany who chalked up his fifth grand prix victory of the season.

Byers outpaces top field for Oregon Mile crown

EUGENE, Oregon, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Local boy Tom Byers scampered away from a strong international field to win a collision-marred mile at the first Oregon International Athletics meeting Saturday.

Byers surged past Graham Williamson of Scotland and Jose Abascal of Spain to finish in three minutes 53.18 seconds. The race, which organizers had hoped would produce the best mile time ever in the U.S., was delayed 10 minutes and restarted after Byers tumbled to the track and four runners were spilt in the resulting tangle.

Williamson, who finished second in 3:53.47, was upset that the race was restarted. "I was tripped at the start of the European Championships and they didn't restart that," he said. "That wouldn't have happened in Europe."

The race starter later explained that he decided the start was unfair so he fired the

second recall shot. European 5,000 meters champion Thomas Wessinghage of West Germany, who finished fourth, said concentration was broken by the collision and that explained the slower-than-expected time.

Abascal took third place in 3:53.64, followed by Wessinghage in 3:54.05 and Irishman Ray Flynn in 3:54.38.

Another Eugene runner, Bill McChesney, won the 5,000 meters run in 13:51.98, with Peter Koech of Kenya second in 13:54.65 and Julian Goater of Britain third in 13:56.41. Goater, who was ill and finished fifth in the European Championship 5,000, said he was using the race as a buildup to the Commonwealth Games next month in Brisbane.

Sinclair, Custy excel
In Lynchburg, Virginia, Americans Jon

McEnroe, Connors set for showdown

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26 (AP) — Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe will contest the final of the \$250,000 Transamerica Open Tennis Championships Sunday, the first time they've competed for a tournament title since the Wimbledon final in June.

Connors, the top seed, overcame a slow start Saturday to overcome Sandy Mayer, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Second-seed McEnroe topped defending champion Elliot Teltscher 6-3, 6-4.

Sunday's match will be the first time that the tournament's top seeds have faced one another in the final since Rod Laver beat Ken Rosewall in 1971. Mayer broke Connors' serve in the eighth and 10th games of their first set to win 6-4. But Connors, coming off a 2 1/2 hour marathon victory Friday night over Jimmy Arias, took command in the second and third sets, repeatedly breaking Mayer's service.

McEnroe controlled the match against Teltscher with his serve, scoring five aces in the first set and getting lots of first serves in. Although McEnroe said "this wasn't an easy 6-3, 6-4 match," Teltscher thought otherwise. "I got beat pretty handily," he said.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia whipped fifth-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-2, 6-4 to earn a berth in the final of the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis Forum Classic in Los Angeles.

Lendl will face South African Kevin Curren, who relying on a serve which produced 10 aces, beat American Van Winitsky 7-5, 6-3 for the title and the \$100,000 top prize. Lendl, 22, needed only 64 minutes to dispose of the 30-year-old Fibak, who serves as the coach of the Czechoslovakian. Lendl broke Fibak's serve in the third and seventh games of the first set and the seventh game of the seventh set while holding service throughout. Lendl had four aces in each set, while Fibak had none.

In Geneva, Switzerland, Vitus Gerulaitis pulled out the \$75,000 Grand Prix Open Saturday because of a groin injury allowing Tomas Smid to play Swedish favorite Mats Wilander in the final Sunday.

The top-seeded American announced his withdrawal shortly before he was to play Smid, the Czechoslovak fourth seed. Wilander then made short work of Damir Keretic, the unseeded Yugoslav-German who had shown some surprising strength in earlier matches. The Swede kept on the pressure throughout the game, eliminating Keretic 6-1, 6-4 in one hour and 13 minutes.

KARACHI, Sept. 26 (AFP) — Australia were in desperate straits on the fourth day of the first cricket Test against Pakistan at the

National Stadium Sunday.

Facing a first innings deficit of 135 runs, the Australians struggled to 123 for seven on

Score-board

Bright 36-8-96-3; Yardley 23-2-98-1; Border 1-0-4.

Australia (1st Innings):

Pakistan (1st Innings):

M. Khan adjudged out

M. Akhtar c Bright b Thomson

H. Rehmat c Laird b Yardley

J. Misland b Lawson

Z. Abbas c Marsh b Lawson

M. Nazar not out

I. Ramzan c Bright b Bright

T. Naqash c Marsh b Bright

W. Basit c Marsh b Bright

A. Qadir run out

I. Qasim not out

Extras... 2

Total: (for 9 wickets dec'd.) 419

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-168, 3-188, 4-277, 5-328,

6-329, 7-351, 8-359, 9-404.

Bowling: Thomson 29-5-109-1; Lawson 39-10-87-2;

Score-board

224

Australia (2nd Innings):

B. Laird c Akhtar b Imran

G. Wood c (sub) Malik b Qadir

J. Dyson b Qadir

A. Border c (sub) Malik b Qadir

K. Hughes c Basit b Qadir

G. Ritchie b Qadir

R. Marsh not out

D. Yardley lbw Qadir

R. Bright b Qadir

Extras... 16

Total: (for 7 wktks.) 123

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-29, 3-32, 4-45, 5-72, 6-72,

7-73.

Bowling: Imran 6-4-6-1; Naqash 7-3-17-0; Qasim 21-6-40-1; Qadir 20-6-44-5.

Srikkant sparkles in India's victory

BANGALORE, India, Sept. 26 (AP) — India made a clean sweep of the three One-Day International series against Sri Lanka Sunday when they humbled the tourists in the last limited-over match in this Southern Indian city.

Sri Lanka won the toss and elected to bat.

An elegant knock of 121 by Roy Dias enabled the visiting team to reach 233 for eight in 50 overs. Kapil Dev, who captained India, ended Dias' knock Sunday with a ball that took the edge of the bat and flew to K. Sri-

kant.

De Mel was Sri Lanka's second highest scorer, hitting 25 runs before he was bowled by left-arm spinner Dilip Doshi. India reached the winning target easily with six wickets in hand.

India's hero was Srikkant, who pounded the Sri Lankan bowling for a hurricane 92.

Together with one-down batsman Dilip Venkateswaran he put on 119 runs before Somachandra de Silva clean bowled the 22-year-old Srikkant.

so much that Custy won, although she was an unknown as far as most of the approximately 10,000 people watching the race were concerned, but that Alison Roe dropped out at about the 6.4-kilometer mark with back spasms and stomach cramps.

North Korean triumphs

In Peking, a 27-year-old North Korean, Li Jong Hyon, won the second Beijing (Peking) International Marathon Sunday with a record time of two hours 14 minutes 43 seconds, race officials reported.

Italy's Allesandro Rastello, 22, took second with a time of 2:15.51, and third place was captured by So Chang Sik of North Korea, with a time of 2:16.55. In fourth place was Italian Orlandi Pizzolato at 2:17.10. Fifth place was taken by Soviet runner Anatoly Arysukov, 2:17.11.

The big news among the women was not

placed Eddie Cheever of the U.S., driving his last race for Ligier before moving to Renault next season, described as a two-hour sauna bath.

Watson said after the race: "I tried as hard as I could to win. But I slowed down toward the end because I started to feel vibrations in

World standings

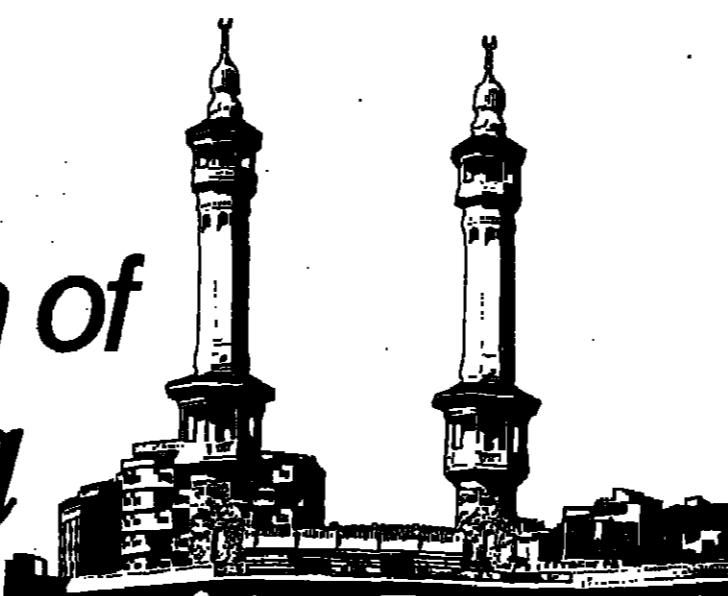
1. Koke Rosberg	Sundberg	44 points
2. Didier Pironi	Ferrari	39
3. Eddie Cheever	McLaren	39
4. Alan Prost	Renault	34
5. Kike Rosberg	Sandiego Williams	30
6. Derek Daly	Ireland Williams	28
7. Marc Surer	Arrows	25
8. Brian Henton	Tyrrell	25
9. Andrea de Cesari	Alfa Romeo	23
10. Bruno Giacomelli	Alfa Romeo	21

the car, which I assumed was caused by the tires picking up rubber left on the track. "I realised there was no point in going after Michele anymore and he built up a lead of about half a minute on me at the end."

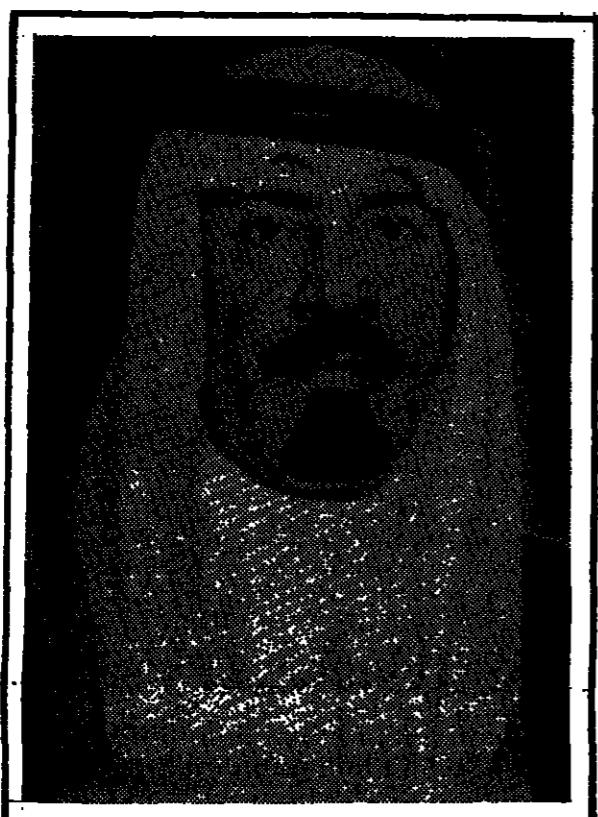
The turn in fortunes, in a Test proceeding at a pedestrian pace, was brought about by leg-spinner Abdul Qadir. Qadir, who mixes his leg spins with the googly effectively, broke the formidable middle of Australia by snapping up Graeme Wood, John Dyson, Kim Hughes and Allan Border in a devastating spell. He also bagged Bruce Yardley to put Pakistan on the threshold of victory. His haul at the end of the day was five for 44.

Australia were reeling at 73 for seven at one stage. But the dapper Rodney Marsh never lost heart. He found unexpected assistance from Ray Bright, and the two set about to salvage the innings. Marsh and Bright added 50 runs in the unseparated seventh-wicket stand, with Marsh's contribution being 26 and Bright's 16.

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As season opens

U.S. art dealers have high hopes

By Steven P. Weinstein

NEW YORK (AP) — Art auction houses, hard-pressed after a disappointing performance last season, are entering the fall with predictions of better times and an impressive array of objects.

Among the reasons for their encouraged speculation: the recent U.S. stock market rally, the easing of interest rates, the appearance that the U.S. economy is slowly getting better, and the wishes of many uneasy foreigners to protect themselves against possible civil upheaval.

"We're approaching this season with cautious optimism ... but with great enthusiasm, too," says Liz Robbins, spokeswoman for Sotheby Parke-Bernet, the venerable auction house with branches in 27 countries. Sotheby suffered a 30 percent decline in U.S. sales last year. Total sales were put at \$200 million. Sotheby's fall officially opened Sept. 21.

This year, Sotheby's will auction off art from the estate of artist Pablo Picasso and from the collection of the late Henry S. Morgan, grandson of financier J.P. Morgan.

Christie's, which ranks second in sales volume in the U.S., is highlighting its season with a sale of the contents of the Lindens, a stately and much-admired home in Washington, D.C. A spokeswoman says the house contains "perhaps the most fabulous collection

of furniture to reach auction in years." Christie's saw its U.S. sales drop 15 percent last year to about \$106 million. "It wasn't a bad season ... There were just no great highlights," says David Bathurst, president of Christie's U.S.A. "What has happened since early 1981 is that the market has become much more selective."

The highest quality merchandise — including art, furniture, jewelry, stamps and coins — will always move, he insists. But, Bathurst says, "if it's not absolutely very top-drawer, they (buyers) will leave it alone."

It's the bread-and-butter areas of the auction industry, the items ranging from not-quite-perfect to mediocre, that have failed to spark the interest of dealers and collectors who might once have bought, according to Bathurst.

As to the dealers, he says "if they're going to buy, they want to be damn certain they're going to be able to move it."

Sales so far this fall have been good. Christie's season-opener, a jewelry auction, was 88 percent sold. Sotheby's first major auction — of U.S. coins belonging to the late S. Halllock du Pont — was termed a "spectacular success" with all but one item out of 329 sold. The total price tag for the sale was \$873,037.

The galleries make their livings by charging both buyer and seller up to 10 percent of the purchase price of the sale.

At the William Dole gallery in New York, spokeswoman Helen Kippax says activity will be "very bullish, very hot this season."

The 10-year-old Doyle Gallery, a relative newcomer to the field (Christie's is in its 216th year), boasts about its upcoming sale of a painting by the French impressionist Camille Pisarro. The painting's value is estimated at between \$350,000 and \$450,000, but Miss Kippax says the final price could be higher.

Private dealer Barbara Divver says the auction market appears to be turning back to a point where serious collectors are buying again. They're no longer being forced into bidding against people who were buying for the sport of it.

You had people going into the auction room for the thrill of the experiment, without doing any research, and saying only that I'm going to pay a record price for this particular item and get my name in *The New York Times*.

"There was a period of time when collecting, and very specifically collecting by purchasing at auction, became a fashion in this country in the way jogging had been before that, and tennis had been before that."

One factor likely to play heavily this year, says one dealer who asked to remain anonymous, is the instability of foreign governments. Wealthy foreigners "are running scared" and they're bidding secretly at auction, the dealer says.

By Peter J.
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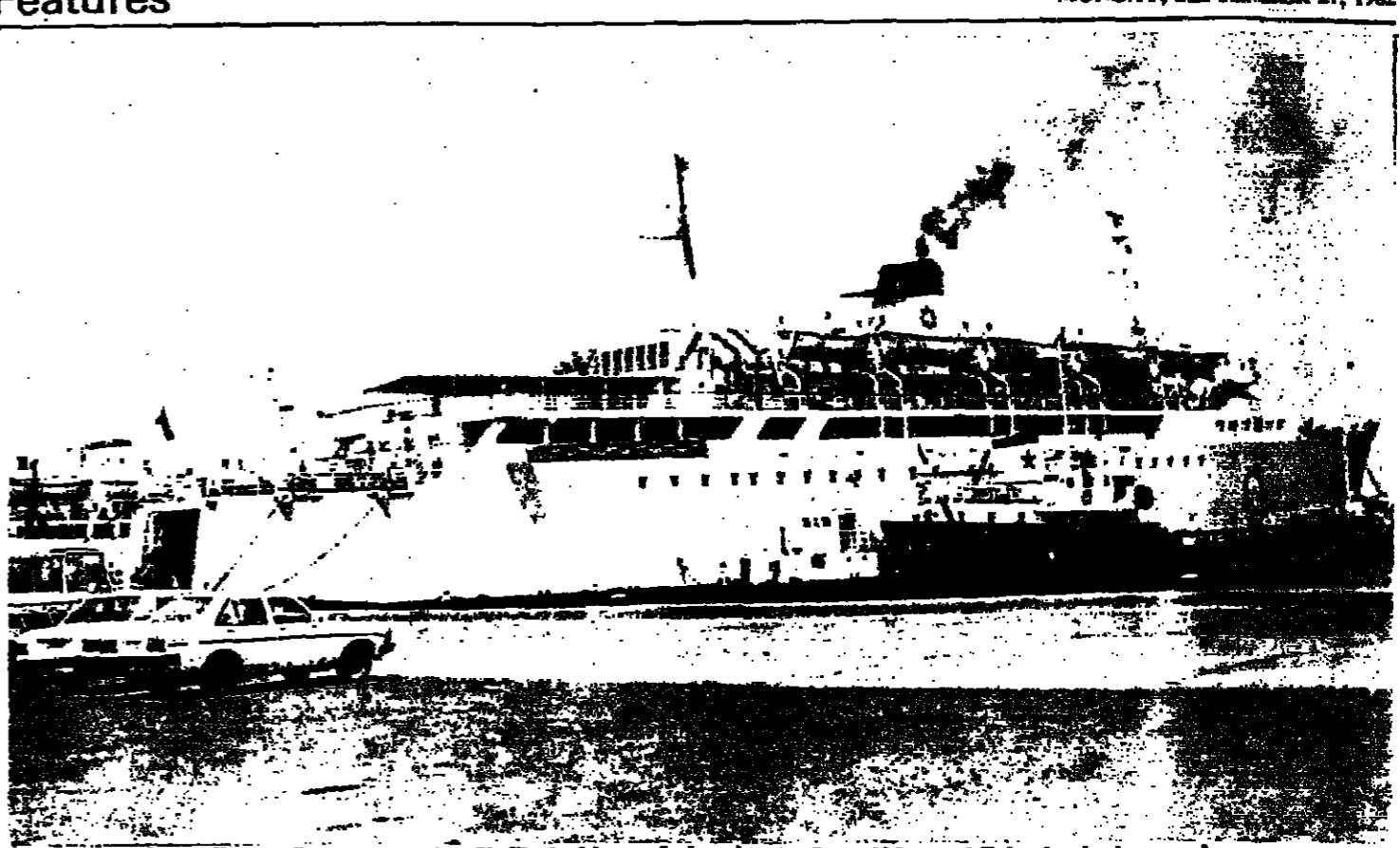
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MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. L.: Your consternation is shared by many. Often doctors aren't interested or specially trained for the care of the elderly. You'll be interested to know that the first department of geriatrics in an American medical school has been founded at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. According to dean Thomas C. Chalmer, M.D., "This is one case where American medical schools must take the lead in solving a serious socio-economic and ethical challenge."

(Tomorrow: Protection against osteoporosis)



CRUISE SHIP: The Ro-Ro cruise ship *Sindbad* taking on fuel and water from Abbas and Zainy bunkering vessels.

Saving on fare, luggage

Cruise to Egypt from Jeddah in 36 hours

By Teresa Gell

There is no excess luggage charge, apart from electrical equipment such as fridges (SR100) and TV sets (SR50), so the route is popular with returning workers laden down with possessions.

The ship also travels from Suez to Aquaba. Two million Egyptians work in Iraq, and the sea route to Aquaba and a bus to Baghdad is about a third the cost of plane travel.

In November this year a monthly cruise starts, lasting seven days. This takes in Cairo, the Pyramids and Sphinx, Aswan, Luxor, Alexandria, Aquaba and Bahra, and includes meals and three nights in the Sheraton and Holiday Inn hotels at various ports of call.

Record spending by visitors to U.K.

LONDON (LPS) — Overseas visitors spent a record 3,850 million pounds, in Britain last year. The number of tourists at 11.5 million was a decrease but the situation has been improving in the first six months of this year with a two percent increase.

The *Sindbad* is an ex-Mediterranean cruise ship built in 1972, and was bought by Star Navigation in 1982. The captain and some of the crew have made the move with the ship.

A thousand passengers and 300 cars can be accommodated on this Ro-Ro (Roll-on, Roll-off) ship. Price for shipping a small car to Suez is SR900. Arrangements can also be made to ship your car from Alexandria to Ancona in Italy for an extra SR1200, and documents can be provided giving customs clearance throughout Europe.

Foreign currency earnings were greater than those for sea transport, banking, civil aviation and insurance, he added.

In 1981, Britain maintained its share of

There will be an orchestra and entertainment, and the cost is SR2,500 full board.

The *Sindbad* has recently been busy ferrying Hajj pilgrims from Egypt to Jeddah and Yanbu, those deposited at Yanbu being collected at Jeddah and vice versa.

The 9,000-ton ship cost \$5 million, a fraction of the cost of a new cruise liner, and is owned by Abbar and Zainy who also construct oil refineries, own several oil tankers

and have extensive food and cold store interests. The ship is supplied with fuel and provisions "in house," which perhaps explains its keen prices.

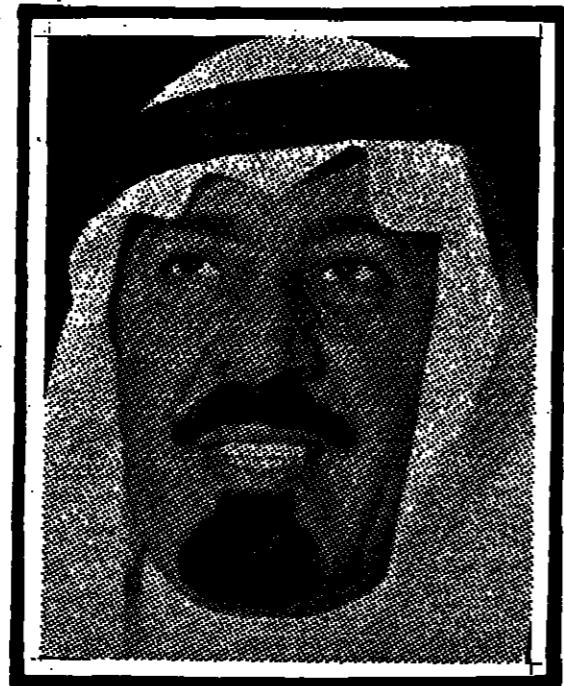
The tourist trade employs, directly and indirectly, nearly 1,500,000 people and the industry has stimulated massive investment throughout the country in transport, accommodation, sports, the arts and amenities. The authority spent 7 million pounds last year promoting Britain as a tourist attraction in other countries.

Visitors from the U.S. form the largest single national group. About a third of visitors are from the Middle East, Africa and the Far East.



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On the occasion of 'Id al-Adha, Aramco would like to extend its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to HM King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, HRH Amir 'Abd Allah ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz Crown Prince and Vice President of the Council of Ministers and head of the National Guard, HRH Amir Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz Second Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Defense Minister, His Majesty's Government and the people of Saudi Arabia.



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 the Second Deputy Prime Minister,

to the Royal Family and the people of Saudi Arabia.

We also wish both the Arab and Islamic nations prosperity and happiness.

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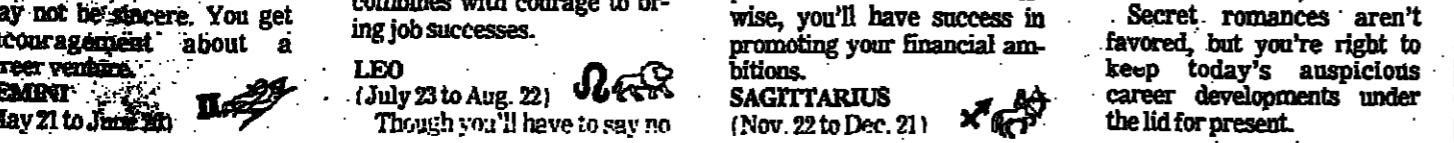
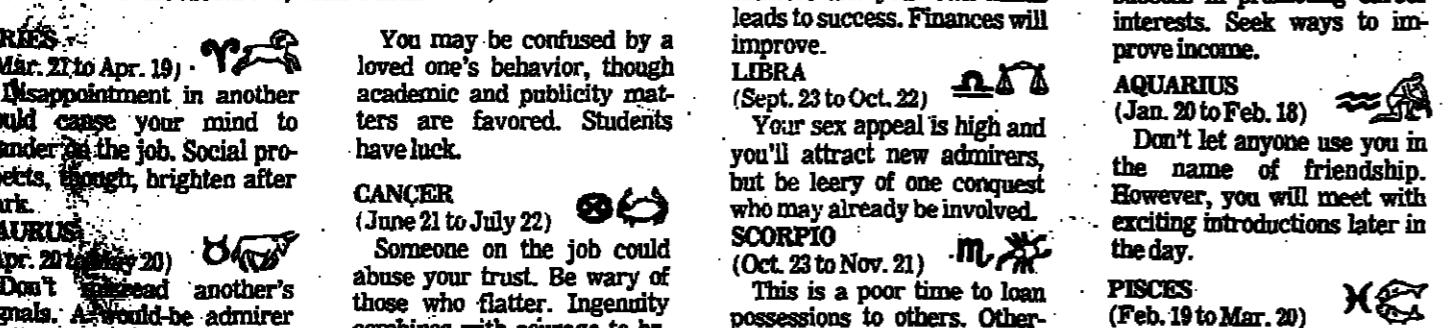
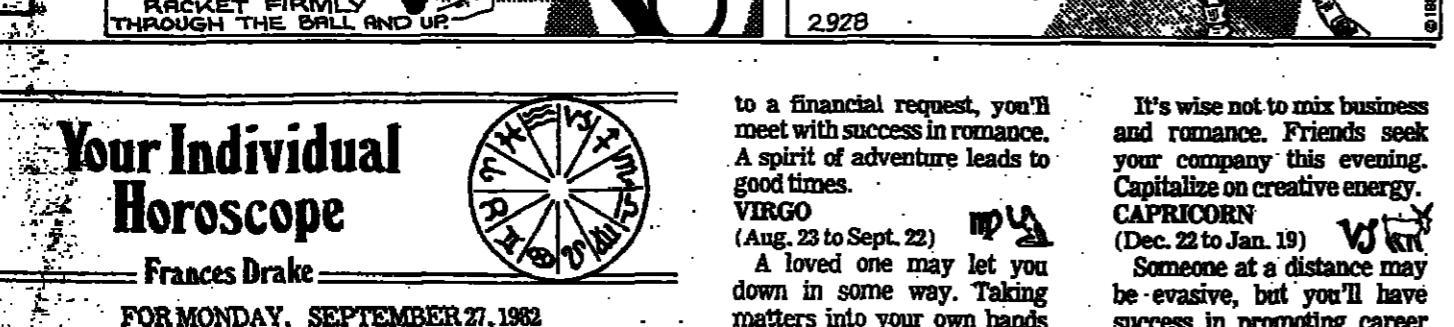
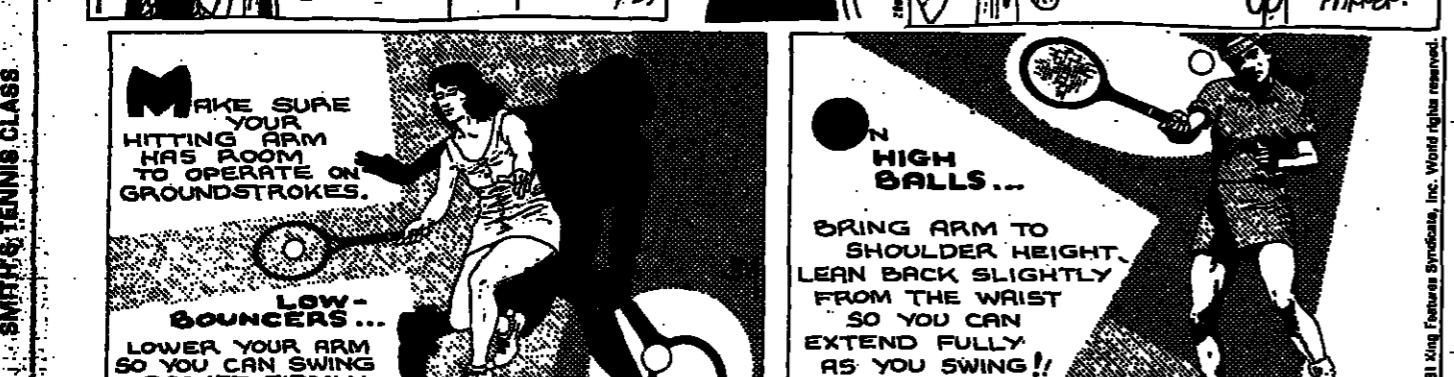
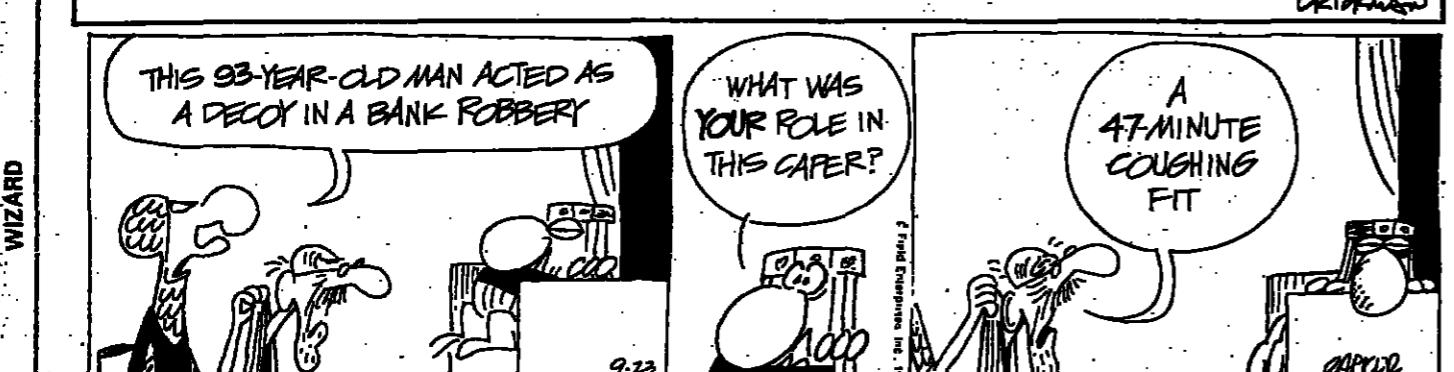
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to a financial request, you'll meet with success in romance. A spirit of adventure leads to good times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A loved one may let you down in some way. Taking matters into your own hands leads to success. Finances will improve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your sex appeal is high and you'll attract new admirers, but be leery of one conquest who may already be involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Someone on the job could abuse your trust. Be wary of those who flatter. Ingenuity combined with courage to bring job successes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't believe another's signals. A would-be admirer may not be sincere. You get encouragement about a career venture.

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India, Soviet Union express 'concern' over Afghan conflict

MOSCOW, Sept. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union and India, in a joint communique released at the conclusion of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit on Sunday, expressed "serious concern" over the continued conflict in Afghanistan.

The two sides express serious concern over the continuation of the hotbeds of tension in Southwest Asia and reaffirm their conviction that the problems of the region demand peaceful political solutions paying full respect to the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and nonaligned status of

the countries of the region," said the communique which was signed by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev and Mrs. Gandhi.

An Indian diplomat in Moscow, who asked not to be named, said the mention of Southwest Asia "very clearly referred to Afghanistan."

The Soviet Union maintains a 100,000-man force in Afghanistan which is supporting the government of Moscow-installed Babrak Karmal and attempting to crush massive resistance by Muslim patriots in the countryside.

"They (Brezhnev and Gandhi) call upon the countries of the region to expeditiously terminate the armed conflicts, to exercise restraint and cooperate constructively for reducing tension and restoring peace. The Soviet Union and India reiterate their opposition to all forms of outside interference in the internal affairs of the countries of the region, they are confident that negotiated political solutions alone can guarantee a durable settlement of the existing problems of the region."

The document was signed by Brezhnev and Mrs. Gandhi last Tuesday but not released until her departure from the Soviet Union Sunday. She held two days of talks with Brezhnev and Indian sources said Mrs. Gandhi brought up Afghanistan frequently.

On other subjects, the two leaders called for the "immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. The two sides emphasize the urgent need for a comprehensive, durable and just settlement of the West Asia problem based on the complete withdrawal of Israel's forces from all the Arab territories occupied by it."

The document hailed bilateral Soviet-Indian relations and called for their expansion, especially in trade on which "both sides reaffirmed their resolve to ensure a 1.5 to 2-fold increase" by 1986.

Mrs. Gandhi returned to New Delhi on Sunday. Meanwhile, Brezhnev said Sunday in Baku in the southern Soviet Union that he was "sincerely satisfied" with Mrs. Gandhi's visit, which had "confirmed once more that Soviet-Indian friendship and cooperation has a solid foundation and a good future."

Mrs. Gandhi had two rounds of talks with Brezhnev early last week in Moscow. The Soviet leader described Mrs. Gandhi's visit as "a new step in developing cooperation between the Soviet Union and India." The two countries have similar views on all major international issues, Brezhnev said.

8 states to meet on Indian Ocean

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Sept. 26 (AP) — Eight regional countries will begin discussions Monday on ways to both utilize and protect the natural resources of the Indian Ocean.

The information from Ratebzad, sole woman in the Kabul regime and the first female physician in Afghanistan, was confirmed by Communist Party Secretary Mahmoud Barayati, Babrak Karmal's brother, Svenska Dagbladet wrote.

Honduran leftists arrive in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Sept. 26 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas who held two cabinet ministers and dozens of businessmen hostage in Honduras for eight days arrived here Saturday aboard a Panamanian Air Force plane, local radio stations reported.

They said 12 guerrillas, their faces covered with handkerchiefs and towels, were led to a yellow air force vehicle that took them to a nearby military post. The Honduran rebels were expected to be flown later to Cuba.

Reporters on the scene said a platoon of Panama's special anti-terrorist troops had accompanied the guerrillas on the twin-engine Aerocar flight from Honduras.

"We have applied for political asylum in the Republic of Cuba," one of the guerrillas told reporters before boarding the bus that would take them to the military post eight miles north of here.

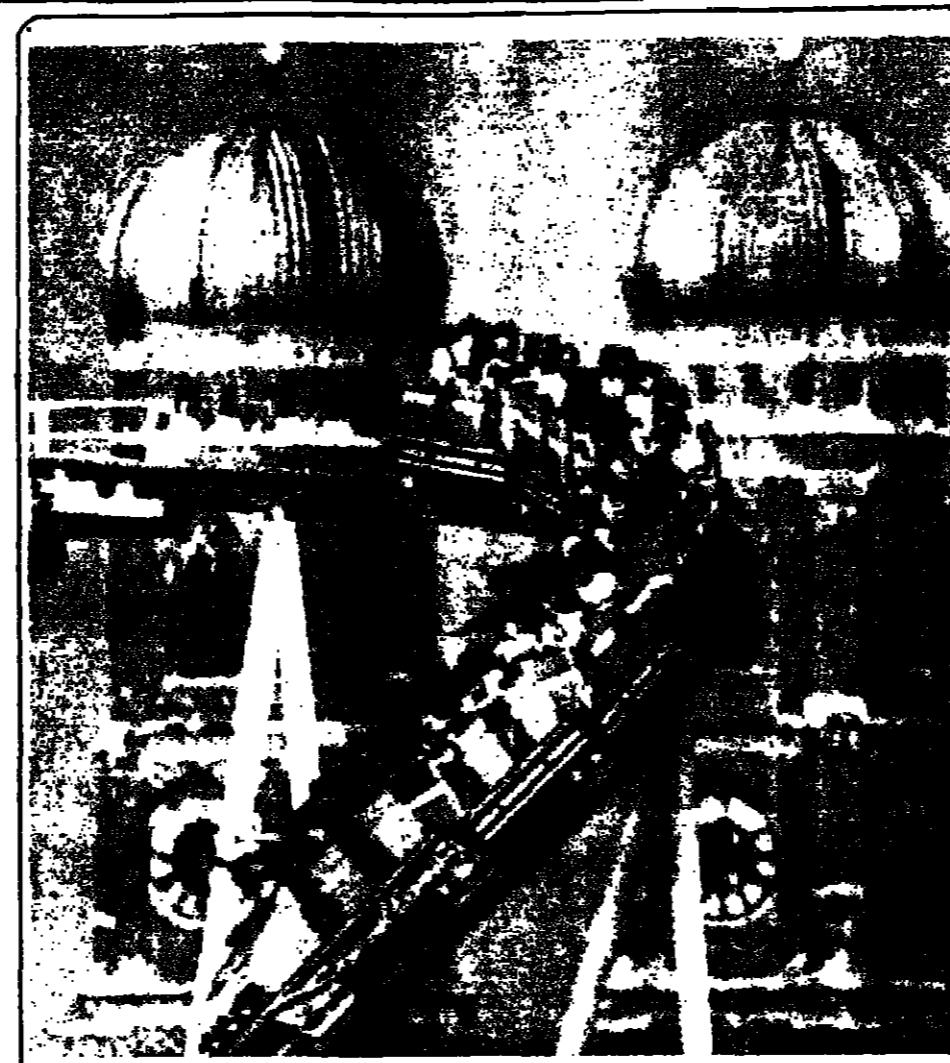
The spokesman, who did not identify himself by name, accused the Honduran government of having unleashed "a wave of repression that can no longer continue being endured." He claimed that many of the "political prisoners" whose release the guerrillas had demanded in exchange for their hostages "have really died at the hands of the Honduran Army and its paramilitary forces..."

"We are Hondurans and we will have to return to our country," the spokesman said, implying that the request for political asylum in Cuba was only temporary.

The military post where the guerrillas were taken also served as a dormitory for the Nicaraguan guerrillas who flew to Panama in August 1978 after a daring takeover of the National Palace in that country.

The guerrillas ended their eight-day occupation of the chamber of commerce building after freeing all their 32 hostages, a government official said in Honduras. The original hostages numbered 107. He said the guerrillas freed their prisoners, including two cabinet ministers, at the airport before boarding the Panamanian plane.

A government communique said none of the demands of the guerrillas was met. They were reported to have demanded the freeing of alleged political prisoners and the withdrawal of U.S. military advisers from Honduras. "They left the country empty-handed," the communique said.



FLYING HIGH: The roller coaster "Sky Express", one of the main attractions at the traditional Oktoberfest in Munich, West Germany, takes visitors high above the roofs of the Bavarian capital. Because of the telephoto effect, the looping almost collides with the towers of Munich's landmark, Frauenkirche.

Thatcher in Hong Kong, gets low-key welcome

HONG KONG, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived Sunday for the first visit by a British head of government in Hong Kong's 140-year colonial history and was given a subdued welcome which surprised many people.

Mrs. Thatcher, who flew in after crucial talks with Chinese leaders on the future on Hong Kong, was met at Kai Tak Airport by the British colony's governor, Sir Edward Youde, and a few other senior officials. There were no ceremonies and the prime minister was quickly led out of the airport and into a waiting limousine before she had a chance even to turn and wave to the scores of waiting reporters and cameramen.

Many local newsmen were visibly upset and some said authorities should have put on a better show for the first visit by a British prime minister. But other local sources at the airport said authorities probably wanted to keep ceremonies at a low key because of the sensitive nature of the talks on the colony's future, which includes China's claim to sovereignty over the whole of Hong Kong.

Her main personal contact with the local population will be when she visits a vast housing estate in the new territories on Tuesday before leaving for New Delhi later that night.

Mrs. Thatcher agreed with Chinese leaders in Peking that the two countries should begin talks immediately at diplomatic level on the

Suzuki, Zhao begin parleys

PEKING, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki arrived here Sunday afternoon for a six-day official visit to celebrate a decade of Sino-Japanese relations. The two nations established diplomatic relations on Sept. 29, 1972. Immediately on his arrival Suzuki held talks with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang. During his stay he will meet with other Chinese leaders, including Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang and Central Advisory Commission Chairman Deng Xiaoping, the officials said.

Diplomatic observers said commercial matters would figure prominently in Suzuki's talks. Japan is China's top trading partner with exchanges totaling more than \$10,000 million last year. Suzuki's trip comes on the heels of a dispute over new Japanese textbooks that gloss over atrocities committed by Japan in China before and during World War II.

But welcoming Suzuki, the New China News Agency did not mention the row.

61 hurt in U.K. as chemicals explode

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 26 (AP) — Volatile chemicals in a blazing warehouse exploded Saturday night in a chain-reaction blast that injured at least 61 persons and shattered hundreds of windows, hospital officials and police said.

The first explosion occurred just before midnight, raining shards of glass over people watching television or asleep in their beds in nearby homes, police said. Eyewitnesses said balls of flame shot skyward and apartment doors blew off hinges in the series of blasts that followed.

Salford police said they cordoned roads and evacuated some families to churches to escape fumes from sodium chloride and other noxious gases wafting through the residential neighborhood 300 yards from the fiery warehouse.

Most of the 61 persons treated suffered cuts, smoke inhalation and shock, Salford hospital said.

German state elections to test coalition moves

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Sept. 26 (AP) — Four million voters in the state of Hesse went to the polls Sunday in elections seen as a test of a conservative-liberal plan to topple German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Last summer, Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democrats in Hesse decided to drop their coalition with Schmidt's Social Democrats in the state and seek an alliance with the conservative Christian Democrats led by Helmut Kohl.

In Bonn, Genscher and three other Free Democratic ministers resigned from Schmidt's coalition government Sept. 17. Now the Hesse elections are seen as a test for Genscher and Kohl's attempts to form a new coalition and oust Schmidt in a parliamentary vote of no-confidence next Friday.

Genscher's party has slipped in opinion polls both in the state and nationwide since it decided in June to abandon the Social Democrats and align with the conservatives.

Last week, an opinion poll taken after the Free Democrats deserted Schmidt in Bonn showed the party at an all-time low of 2.3 percent nationally, well under the 5 percent mark needed for parliamentary representation in West Germany.

If the Free Democrats do that poorly in Hesse on Sunday, their hand will be weakened in final bargaining on a new coalition with the conservatives in Bonn.

Genscher could use a relatively strong showing as an argument against Free Democrat critics who charge he made a single-handed decision to pull out of the Schmidt coalition and did not consult the party.

Schmidt's Social Democrats, led by State Premier Holger Boerner, are forecast to get between 30 and 40 percent of the Hesse vote, which would mean a loss of power. Their only hope of staying in government would probably be to ally with the Greens, a loose-knit group of radicals, environmentalists and anti-nuclear activists who have won election to five of West Germany's 11 state parliaments since 1979.

They are strong in Hesse because of vigorous opposition to Boerner's plan to build a nuclear waste storage dump in the state and the fight against a third runway at Frankfurt's International Airport. The Greens are expected to get 7 to 8 percent of the vote.

If the Christian Democrats fail to get an

Elizabeth gets a war souvenir

LONDON, Sept. 26 (AP) — Prince Andrew brought his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, a unique souvenir from the Falkland Islands War — a spent British shell casing shaped into an ashtray, The Sunday Mirror reported.

The queen greeted her 22-year-old second son, a navy sub-lieutenant and helicopter co-pilot, when he returned from the 74-day Falklands conflict on Sept. 17 aboard the aircraft carrier *Invincible*.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said he had "no information" on the report and noted: "It's a private thing." The newspaper quoted Andrew's fellow pilots aboard *The Invincible* as saying the 105mm howitzer shell was used in an attack on Argentine positions.

The paper said the shell case was ferried back to the carriers by the pilots, polished and shaped by an engineer, and presented to the prince.

Brezhnev seeks close China ties

MOSCOW, Sept. 26 (AFP) — President Leonid Brezhnev Sunday appealed for the normalization of relations between Moscow and Peking, in the second overture to China in the last six months.

His appeal, part of a plea for world detente in a speech televised live from Baku in Azerbaijan, came in the wake of reports of a possible resumption of negotiations between the two countries, perhaps at the start of next month.

Brezhnev, who is touring Azerbaijan, made no reference to these reports. (According to Western diplomatic sources in Peking, talks would probably be held in Peking, between the two Communist giants at odds for two decades.)

Brezhnev said it would be "very important" to normalize relations "on the basis of common sense, mutual respect and advantage." Cooperation would "contribute to the strengthening of the foundations of peace and stability in Asia and the whole world," he said.

In a speech last March in the Soviet city of Tashkent, Brezhnev had termed abnormal the hostility and isolation between Moscow and Peking. He proposed an immediate resumption of talks which broke off in July 1978, and said the Soviet Union had no territorial ambitions on its Chinese neighbor.

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Bahrain	29	84	35	95	clear		Miami	25	76	30	85	rain
Bangkok	27	81	31	88	clear		Montreal	11	52	19	66	cloudy
Beirut	15	59	23	73	clear		Moscow	9	48	21	70	cloudy
Belgrade	15	59	26	79	clear		New Delhi	22	71	33	92	clear
Berlin	9	48	25	77	clear		New York	14	57	21	70	clear
Brussels	10	50	18	64	cloudy		Nicosia	20	68	32	72	clear
Buenos Aires	15	59	23	73	clear		Oslo	12	54	14	57	rain
Cairo	19	66	32	90	clear		Paris	13	55	18	64	cloudy
Cebu	10	50	15	59	cloudy		Felding	14	57	23	73	clear
Chicago	47	10	50	50	cloudy		Rio de Janeiro	13	55	31	88	clear
Copenhagen	14	57	17	63	clear		Rome	15	59	28	82	clear
Dubai	8	46	14	59	rain		San Francisco	14	59	19	66	clear
Dusseldorf	14	57	21	70	cloudy		Seoul	12	54	25	77	cloudy
Helsinki	8	46	21	70	cloudy		Singapore	24	75	32	90	clear
Hong Kong	25	77	28	82	cloudy		Stockholm	6	43	16	61	clear
Jakarta	22	72	33	91	cloudy		Sydney	14	57	25	77	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	cloudy		Taipei	20	78	29	84	clear
London	13	55	17	63	clear		Tokyo	24	75	36	86	clear
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